

## FLINTLOCK HOLMES

A Clever Satire on Conan Doyle's Great Detective.

I will never forget the first day I came in contact with Flintlock Holmes. The meeting made a great impression on me. I had read of it yet. We were going in opposite directions and collided at the corner of First street and Flindersden lane. Holmes apologized profusely.

"Are you looking for trouble?" said he. "No," I replied, rubbing my injured leg. "I am looking for rooms."

"So am I," said he. "So am I. My name is Flintlock Holmes. Let's go together; it's safer that way. The sidewalks are slippery."

"I could not but note my new companion's unusual appearance. His hawklike eyes, his high forehead, his prominent cheek bones—all impressed me as being those of a man. Later events proved that I was not mistaken. Holmes kept his eyes in the underground and let a woman stand. On the way, I recollected, he told me about the Baker Street rooms, how cozy they were and how cheap. When we got to the house he had mentioned, Holmes, without warning, gave me a kick which propelled my body to the top of the stairs."

"Sorry to knock you up, Watson," he remarked affably. "That these fits of energy will come over me at times. I endeavor to stop them, but can't."

"His calling me by name stilled whatever surprise I may have felt at his peculiar manner."

"How on earth did you come to know my name?" I asked in astonishment.

"It's simplicity itself," he said laughingly. "I saw the name Watson on your shoe straps when you stooped to turn up your trousers."

"True," said I. "The name is there, but how could you tell it was not the name of the holder?"

"Easily," said he. "It is a hobby of mine to be exact. I therefore carry in my mind the name of every shoe dealer, butcher, baker and so forth in London. There is no shoe dealer named Watson. The shoes are new. Hence you did not see them elsewhere. Eliminate the impossible and that which remains must be the truth. You wrote the name on the shoes yourself, fearful lest you might have them somewhere without marks of identification upon them. There is no mystery about it."

"Holmes," I said, "you're a wonder." "You have guessed my occupation," he remarked good humoredly. "I am a specialist in other people's business. When the police fail, people resort to me. When I fail, it is all up. Did you ring the door-bell, Watson?"

"No."

"I thought as much. I deduced it." "How?" I marvelled.

"No one has come to the door," he said. "It is simplicity itself."

Holmes stepped forward and gave the bell handle a vigorous pull. In a few minutes a maid ushered us into the entry.

"We have come to look at the rooms," Holmes said, and we ascended the stairs.

"Did you count the number of steps on the way up, Watson?" my friend asked.

"No," I replied in astonishment. "Did you?"

"Of course," he said. "I always do. I believe in details. The number of steps on a flight may be a little matter in itself, but stairs, small as they are, invariably lead to higher things."

By this time we were in the rooms. They were indeed cozy and comfortable. The golden shafts of the late winter sun streaming through the west windows illuminated the already half-furnished room.

I could see by the way Holmes shot his eyes about that he was a reckless man, and I allowed no comment to escape my lips. Holmes' actions surprised me too much for that. Whipping out a magnifying glass, he stretched himself out full length on the floor. In an instant he was up.

"Did you see it, Watson?" he yelled. "Did you see it?"

"What?" I cried.

"The dust. The room has not been swept in two weeks," he said to the terrified maid. "I can see traces of dust everywhere I look with the aid of this glass."

I was about to marvel at his miraculous deduction when the maid spoke.

"I could tell that without a magnifying glass," she said. "Look at your trousers."

Holmes and I did so simultaneously. The maid was right. The fronts of both legs were covered with dust where Holmes had come in contact with the carpet. He glanced raptly at his pants.

"You are a remarkable girl," he said to the maid. "Your powers of observation are excellent. Still it matters little. What is it, Londoner, says 'Trust them not, to dust returned?' He is so expensive, Watson. I should recommend you to study him."

"I will," said I. "But about the rooms? Will they suit, do you think?"

"Excellent for me," said Holmes. "But I was thinking of you. Will they harmonize with your Indian tastes?"

"This is too much, Holmes," I cried. "How do you know that I have been in India?"

"It's simplicity itself," he replied, with a laugh. "You tried to work off a rime on the carpet in the underground. Besides, in the inner sole of your right shoe there is a pebbly dirt which is peculiar to India. I have made a study of mud, and I know."

"That's both times," I managed to stammer. "In fact, when you explain to me deductions they seem absurdly simple. I can't understand it. You see so much."

"Not more than other people, I fancy," said Holmes. "You see as much, but you do not observe. For instance, how many buttons are there on your coat?"

"Ah, there it is, as I told you. Well, there are seven."

"To be seven's sake, Holmes, how do you know?"

"I just counted them. It is simplicity itself. But about the rooms, as you suggested—shall we take them?"

"By all means," said I. And so it came to pass that Holmes and I took up our quarters in Baker street, the scene of so many memorable occurrences.

I have just discovered among Holmes' private papers an unmailed note to me forbidding the publication of "The Adventure of Six Bad Eggs" till after the death of John Forrester Roylett of Stoke-Mariarty—Brooklyn Eagle.

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## Judge Battle's Successor.

RALEIGH, April 10.—Governor Russell has appointed Augustus M. Moore of Greenville, judge of the Eastern criminal circuit, to succeed the late Dorsey Battle. Judge Moore is a Republican and has been that party's candidate for attorney general, elector at large and judge. He will hold office until next January, when the legislature will elect his successor.

## Colonel Moore Declines.

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The wedding day was set for Palm Sunday, and the young lady arrived from Atlanta Sunday to wed her soldier lover. Upon making inquiries as to his whereabouts she learned that he was in jail. Accompanied by a minister Miss Gammon repaired to the prison where she met her lover and the marriage ceremony performed.

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No. 6.	No. 2.	No. 1.	No. 8.
12:45 noon	11:20 p m	4:15 p m	5:00 a m
2:15 p m	12:50 night	2:45 p m	2:35 a m
4:15 p m	3:05 a m	4:15 p m	12:50 noon
6:30 p m	7:40 a m	7:55 a m	7:45 a m
8:30 a m	6:10 a m	11:20 a m	9:30 p m
10:30 a m	7:10 p m	2:21 a m	9:00 a m
12:25 noon	2:30 a m	9:12 p m	2:55 a m
4:35 p m	7:05 a m	6:45 p m	11:00 p m

## BETWEEN PENSACOLA AND JACKSONVILLE.

No. 21.	No. 3.	No. 2.	No. 22.
11:55 night	7:00 a m	11:00 p m	6:30 p m
12:58 night	7:38 a m	10:20 p m	5:20 p m
4:33 a m	8:28 a m	9:40 p m	2:40 p m
6:30 a m	10:38 a m	6:33 p m	12:57 p m
7:00 a m	11:15 a m	6:18 p m	12:05 noon
8:15 a m	12:35 noon	5:53 p m	10:20 a m
	1:15 p m	5:17 p m	
	7:25 p m	9:20 a m	

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